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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 1771
Examiner: Cheryl Ann Juska

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In Re PATENT APPLICATION Of:

Applicant(s): Jack J. Richards)

Serial No. : 10/082,039)

Filed : February 20, 2002)

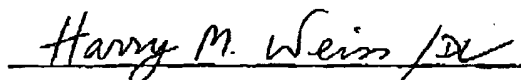
AMENDMENT

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Docket No. : 4244P2431

August 18, 2004

I hereby certify that on the 18th day of August, 2004, this correspondence is
being faxed to Examiner Juska at 1-703-872-9306.



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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Applicant's counsel has attempted to arrange a telephone interview with
the Examiner on Friday August 13, 2004 and on Tuesday August 17, 2004, but
received no response. Since the date for response is due, Applicant is timely
responding to the Examiner's current Office Action dated May 18, 2004.

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this application in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests, for the reasons set forth herein and for other reasons clearly apparent, allowance of Claims 1-31 now on file and that the application be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference would help to expedite the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview.

Since two new independent Claims have been added please deduct \$86 from our Deposit Account No. 23-0830. If there are any further fees incurred by this Amendment Letter, please also deduct them from our Deposit Account No. 23-0830.

Respectfully submitted,

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